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## FROM BLODGETT.

The melon season is open. C. P. Pollard loaded the first car here on Tuesday. He has been first on deck here for seven years, and don't propose to let anyone get ahead of him for such a trivial matter as losing a leg.

W. J. Potts, the own, original and only Walter, was checked in at R. R. agent vice H. Schroeder, who takes the day operator's place. E. C. Johnson will have control of the traffic throughout the melon belt in place of C. A. Cook, who has served so acceptably for several years past.

Clarence Haugh, a first class jeweler from Columbus, Ky., is in town and ready for business. His office is in the Blodgett Drug Co.'s building. We just imagined it was him the first time he made his appearance.

A man who constantly rides a bicycle will find the wheel tired in a double sense and himself tired in what little sense he possesses.

The captain of a steamboat is not generally bossed by the mate, but a married man generally is.

Mrs. Laura J. Seefeldt left last Wednesday for Maitland, Mo., where she goes to visit relatives through the summer season.

Mrs. J. E. Evans and children left Monday for St. Louis, there to spend the heated term.

Geo. W. Lemley, whose bright, particular star is located near Blandville, Ky., returned last Monday from a pilgrimage over there, during which he attended a barbecue at Wickliffe, where fifty people ate dinner and a rain storm broke up the ball; so that they are not in it with the Blodgett people when it comes to picnics; and also a church dedication, which attracted 3,300 people. He says the fame of the Newsboy and the Ananias club has penetrated the seclusion of the classic "Dark and Bloody Ground," and claims a fair share of attention—especially from the fair sex. Thanks, awfully, ladies.

W. J. Rodgers is sick with bilious fever, but is pulling out of the dangerous region in good shape. Several cases of hay fever, influenza, etc., also on file.

The ice cream supper given last Thursday night for the benefit of the Baptist church was a great success, notwithstanding the rain which flooded the lawn party in connection therewith. Quite a neat sum was the result of the entertainment.

Mr. Harris' crew of gentlemen of African descent piled up their boarding cars on the side track last Thursday, drank half a dozen water buckets of beer and enjoyed the night with the same songs they sang when here twelve months ago, including "Was you dar when dey crucified de Lord," "Annie Laurie," "Auld Lang Syne," "Rock me to sleep, mother," "Ole Rabbit" and "Rocked in the cradle of the deep." They also danced a combined distance of 35 miles, at least.

Geo. Shoulders is the champion melon man up to date, as he invited the scribe to help him clean up one, of which we weighed one half and it pulled 22 lbs., making the entire melon weigh in the neighborhood of 45 lbs. Nobody else in Scott county can touch that notch yet awhile. See!

Preachers when descending on the fact that heaven is not reached in a single bound may also add that hell is not always reached by a single stumble, either.

A man who occasionally has the jim-jams has the advantage of the balance of us, as he don't have to spend anything to visit the menagerie.

The Diehlstadt ball club came up last Saturday and hitched to our boys. At the end of Diehlstadt's ninth inning they had scored 14 to Blodgett's 8. The latter had a batting streak and chased in five more men and had two out, when an objection arose, a foul tip sending a runner back to third base, and the umpires called it a tie, to be played off at Diehlstadt next Saturday.

Sunday the gallant men of Morley came down and literally scraped the universe with the home team, making a score of 30 to 18. They ran in 13 runs in the last inning, which goes to prove that you can't play ball and work the same pitcher every day. The Blodgett battery played Diehlstadt Saturday and Morley Sunday, and that is sufficient excuse for the defeat of the home boys.

## PANDOWDY.

Our farmers have shipped six or eight cars of musk melons.

Tom Moody and Will Scarborough represented the Blodgett, Sunday school at Oran.

C. C. Poe made a business trip to the Cape last week. C. W. Hawkins visited friends in Charleston. Miss Pearl Peal returned from St. Louis. Misses Mollie Poe and Lizzie Peal

visited at Diehlstadt. Miss Sonora Cooksey, of Diehlstadt, is visiting Mrs. Reddick of this place. C. B.

## "Tip" Foley Killed.

The following telegram was received by Sheriff Tickle yesterday afternoon: "Tip Foley is killed. Come at once and hunt the man. E. A. Foley."

E. A. Foley is the son of M. H., familiarly called "Tip" Foley, by his many friends and acquaintances in this country. Reports are that Mr. Foley was shot while in his field gathering hay and we could not hear who did the shooting. Evidently it was a violent and vicious enemy of the man if reports which say he was shot three times are true. It is fifteen miles from New Madrid to the deceased's farm. Sheriff Tickle left immediately.—New Madrid Record.

## CARD.

Benton, Mo., July 20, 1894.

To the voters of Scott county:

I have been prevented by sickness so far from making any canvass of the county in support of my candidacy for the County Treasurership. Should I fail to reach you during the balance of the campaign you will understand from the above why I have not had the pleasure of soliciting your vote in person. Respy.

W. C. LAMBERT.

## Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership existing between Nicholas Schlosser and A. W. Dirnberger is this day dissolved. All parties indebted to the late firm are requested to settle the same with A. W. Dirnberger on or before August 15, 1894. New Hamburg, Mo., July 2, 1894.

—Charleson Democrat: Monday evening just at dusk, Jim Johnson, a young man of about 18, entered Mont Noble's stable yard at Belmont with the intention of putting a bridle on a mule. His body, partly eaten by hogs, was found next morning, and the coroner's inquest added evidence to support the theory that the mule kicked the boy to death. One eye was knocked out, and a bruise in the stomach showed where the mule's hoofs had done their deadliest work. He was buried at the expense of the county.

—Charleson Enterprise: The next Prosecuting Attorney of Scott county, Milo Gresham, was on our streets today from Sikeston on his way to Benton.

—Sikeston Star: M. G. Gresham, Sikeston's talented young attorney, left Monday to be present at Walker's barbecue in Benton and spend several days in Blodgett township. Milo is a hustler and when he is nominated by the Democrats on August 21, which he is sure to be, a deserving man and a life long Democrat will be rewarded, while the financial interests of the county will be guarded and fewer cases brought into court and dismissed for want of evidence.

—Cape Democrat: Judge William Ballentine, of Commerce, who presided as chairman of the Republican Convention, came on to the river yesterday is one of the oldest Republicans in Southeast Missouri. In 1890 he was the only man in Scott county who voted for Abraham Lincoln. He was one of the delegates who voted three hundred and six times in the Chicago convention for Gen. Grant. He is a Republican every inch of him, and the convention honored a worthy patriotic man when it elected the old man to the chair.

—Mrs. Kuehnert returned from St. Louis Wednesday.

—Rev. Willis Carlisle, of Sikeston, is assisting at the protracted meeting in Benton.

—Mont Wade went to Sikeston and Poplar Bluff Tuesday, and got back in time for the Oran picnic Wednesday.

—W. C. Lambert is out of the mail carrying business and is succeeded by C. D. Hutchison, who took the Benton to Benton Station contract at \$190 per year.

—C. P. Pollard got \$115 for his first car of melons—perhaps 20 per cent of which were ripe. Dr. Freeling and Tom Adams will ship thoroughly ripe fruit to-day and Monday. Wagon loads are passing through Benton to the Cape. Some of the finest melons of the year will come from the Harbison place. Rube Young has left us, and who will join Rile Lemley this year and furnish the basis for a sensational murder yarn?

—Bills are out for a Barbecue and Fish Fry at Batts' Schoolhouse on August 15th. The fish down there are worth going a hundred miles to eat, so don't fail to attend.

—Will Heisserer's new residence is beginning to show up in skeleton shape, and promises to be the handsomest house in this vicinity.

—Henry Kimpel died at his home near Manning's Monday morning, aged about 21 years.

—Mrs. Joseph Georger died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Matt Pfefferer, last Monday. She was buried at Kelso Tuesday.

—John T. Batts, of Cape Girardeau, came down to Benton on his bicycle Tuesday. He made the trip in two hours.

—The courthouse yard is being mowed and cleaned up. None too soon, but labor has been scarce.

## Can't Be Better!

You may Search and Hunt; You may Investigate and Examine; Yet, when all is done you'll find yourself the loser if you haven't made your purchases of us. Simply because values can't be better than we give.

Nowhere else are they so Good--Comparison always proves

## FAMOUS Dry Goods and Clothing House,

### BOHNSACK & STRATMAN, Prop's. Cape Girardeau.

THE QUALITY OF OUR GOODS IS UNIMPEACHABLE AND OUR PRICES ARE UNSURPASSABLE.

You can't do better than to take a view of our stock  
Get our prices, and take away a BARGAIN.

We want you to buy where you can do the best, and if we can't do better than any other firm we are willing to see you go away. Come and sample our goods and we'll make you happy with Bargains that are at the top notch.

You'll do it  
If You're  
Wise!

## SOUTHEAST NOTES.

The Republicans of the Fourteenth district here last week, which met here last week, was well attended, very instructive and entertaining. The importance of early moral training was emphasized. Dr. Smith, of St. Louis, and Rev. Crook, of Sikeston, were considered the big guns. Prof. Henry, of California, delivered an excellent address entitled "The Young Man's Way."

Earthquake shocks were felt all over—or rather under—Southeast Missouri Wednesday morning of last week. The New Madrid sinners had a special shaking up.

Otte Rieke, a 15-year-old boy, at Ironton, was killed at a two-story window in his sleep, and was only slightly injured.

Burglaries are reported here and there all over the Southeast. So many men are idle that it pays to guard against their depredations.

Mrs. Emma Jones, of Ash Hill, Butler county, committed suicide by the morphine route.

Bro. Flynn, of the Southeast Gazette, does not call his wife his better but his better looking half.

By suspending his exchange list, Bro. Edwards, of the Malden News, created the impression among the brethren that his paper had suspended publication. It has not, but its name is now The Dunklin News.

The new Catholic church at Malden was dedicated on the 15th inst., and the centennial services of the New Madrid church came off on the 17th.

Crops in Dunklin county are reported better than for very many years.

The Sunday school reunion at Canaan, Dunklin county, was attended by about 2,500 people.

According to the Messenger, the county schools in Stoddard are open again. But we suppose they closed in February.

The Populists in Stoddard county met to nominate a county ticket, but could not agree and gave it up.

The Iron County Register says that Ironton is earning the name of the toughest town on the road, and Bro. Ake goes for the authorities.

Dunklin county has sent a choice selection of her bad citizens to the pen and has placed some even worse ones under heavy bonds.

A Jefferson county farmer whose house had been insured for twenty years allowed his policy to lapse—just what the fire-fund was waiting for. Last week he was burned out. Keep up your insurance!

The Dexter postoffice will be made Presidential. Bully for Dexter.

The Jefferson County court has ordered a bridge built across the eccentric and turbulent Joachim at Victoria. It is greatly needed.

A St. Louis sharper worked Adolph Frank, a Poplar Bluff man, for fifty dollars on a bogus check.

—John M. Murphy was jailed Sunday night on complaint of Albert Adams that Murphy had pulled a revolver on him. It seems that Murphy, who lives with his brother in a house on Ab's place, had female company of what Ab considered doubtful character. On being notified by Ab to get rid of said company, Murphy went to Ab's house and is alleged to have drawn his gun. He was released Monday on \$200 to appear Thursday. He got rid of the queer company.

—One of the best gardens in Southeast Missouri is that of Jesse Miller in the Sandwoods. Mrs. Miller having a positive genius for raising fine vegetables. In a city market the product of this garden would command top notch prices.

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Harry Watkins went to White Springs Sunday and returned Monday. We won't tell why if very well.

John Beach Strubbsford went to Sikeston Sunday. Beach loves his old home and home friends.

Wm. Strubbsford, Sr., lost a finger last week—a smashing machine amputated it.

Atlas Artillery and John Cress, united with the Baptist church since our last letter.

Our Catholic friends have now a local priest—vice Rev. Brandt. We are as yet not acquainted with the new man.

What and Democracy like pills have a downward tendency just now.

Dr. Franklin, of Morley, addressed our Populist friends here Saturday last.

Miss Carrie Forrester and Artie Davis visited Sikeston friends last Sunday.

Miss Laura Hale will visit friends in Stoddard county this week.

Two of our Baptist clergymen believe that predestination and conditional salvation mean one and the same thing. Your sermons think that predestination is unconditional. Which (if either) is right. Let us hear from the editor.

[Predestination, in the Calvinistic sense, is unconditional in this sense, viz, that the conditions must have been predestined. Such hair-splitting, however, belongs to the least profitable of religious controversies.—Ed. Newsboy.]

Will Gassaway, of this place, has a position at "the key" at Cairo, Ills.

There are now two chairs in Harbison's barber shop and one in the old post-office building, so our citizens need not go unshaved.

Uncle George Metz bought the first load of melons brought to this market last Saturday. They are not ripe enough to be healthy.

Birch Dyer and L. P. Howle went to Morley Saturday to see—how the melon crop was.

Eugene Randolph, of Charleston, was here Tuesday.

It is a hard matter to tell which is the greatest disgrace to our government, our President, our Senate and Congress or Coxey's army.

Practical experience is a surer barrier against the wiles of the devil than moral training. *Prose*, the inexperienced youth yields readily to temptation, but the burnt child dreads the fire.

It is rumored that we will soon have another shoe shop in town.

Our young people talk of organizing a guitar and mandolin band.

The Methodist choir meets for practice Saturday night and the Baptist Monday night. Why not attend both? A cordial invitation is extended to all who wish to attend at the Baptist church.

A bran new boy made his appearance at Peter Dirnberger's Tuesday. Pete says he is big enough to whip John Ashley already.

—Messrs. Arnold Kline, Frank Heiser and M. G. Gresham, of Sikeston, paid a visit to Benton and Kelso last Sunday.

## FROM NEW HAMBURG.

The weather of the past week was a disadvantage to wheat, the shingle, corn, however, was greatly benefited by the much needed rains.

Frank Biles has fitted up a grocery having a complete stock outfit. He is prepared to do all kinds of repairing in the gunsmithing line. Bring your work to him, charges moderate and work guaranteed.

George is getting an enormous amount of undeserved praise for doing his duty in the late unpleasantness. It does not require much backbone to order out a lot of soldiers.—Oran Correspondent.

Will Mr. "Cao" explain why he is always looking groggy? Hardly a week passes but "Cao" finds fault with Gresham's administration.

Another point in history in memory of Debs & Co. 1894. Died for the noble cause. "High wages, less working hours and more strikes."

Quite a number of our people attended the Heisserer-Halter sale at Benton Monday.

Further Klein of Kelso and Father Knap of Oran visited Father Scherer on Tuesday.

Grandma and Frank Biles, Mrs. L. B. B. and Mrs. Wm. Heisserer attended the funeral of Mrs. Georgette Kelso last Sunday.

J. B. Moore, Judge Leedy and J. M. Leitch were here on official business.

J. B. Kirkpatrick, of Randolph, passed through town on Monday en route to Benton.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING.

I will be at the following places, on the following dates, to present my claims to the people. I invite my opponents to be present. All other candidates are invited.

Hatchers Schoolhouse, July 30 Pleasant Valley Schoolhouse, July 31, Clay Pool Schoolhouse, Aug. 1, Hickory Grove Schoolhouse, Aug. 3, Minor Schoolhouse, Aug. 4, Chaney Schoolhouse, Aug. 6, Stringer Schoolhouse, Aug. 7, Bagg Schoolhouse, Aug. 8, Reed Schoolhouse, Aug. 9, Wiley Schoolhouse, Aug. 10, Ward Schoolhouse, Aug. 11, Mt. Zion Schoolhouse, Aug. 13, Norman Schoolhouse, Aug. 14.

CHAS. S. STONE.

Candidate for County Clerk.

—Our Benton sports, for lack of something more rational, have taken to cock-fighting—a step back into the dark ages, and a pastime indulged in elsewhere only by the toughest classes. The laws of Missouri are woefully defective on cruelty to animals, and bank on a civilization which does not always exist. We have a protracted meeting in progress here, which might profitably handle this subject instead of dealing in the usual platitudes.

—The barbecue at Commerce next Thursday is to be a hummer, sure. The athletic features are especially attractive, and the sack race, shoe race and three-legged race will be productive of unlimited fun. You will miss it very badly, indeed, if you are not there. See programs.

—The Peavine is right in it. Switches have been put down all along the line, and a special freight train was put on yesterday to haul out the melons. The incline at Commerce is ready for use and our farmers have an eastern outlet for their crop. No flies on the Peavine.

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## CAUSED A LITTLE STIR.

The article in last week's Newsboy, regarding the amount of fees to be retained by the client, clerk and recorder, created considerable comment. We are now awaiting an explanation. That "silent contempt" racket won't work. Let the people have the facts and figures. That letter from Attorney O'Bryan cuts no figure. O'Bryan is just like any other lawyer, and is always ready to render his services when there is a fee in it. Why don't they get the opinion of the Attorney General of State, as the Newsboy has done. Possibly they have, but maybe it won't do for publication.

## A WORD TO TAXPAYERS.

As a reformer taxpayers are good, honest farmers, and pay but little attention to public matters. In fact they do not seem to realize that it is just as necessary for them to get up the backs in the county treasury as it is for them to replace rotten rails with new ones. How many of our readers are really to be blamed for not paying their taxes? Presenting Attorney Moore is estimating the tax-payers of this county nearly one thousand dollars per year more than any prosecutor we ever had? Nearly every unapproached mind will doubt this—yet it is a fact.

During the last three years of Mr. DeRogis' term, ending February 1, 1891, the criminal costs of Scott county for the three years amounted to \$2,193.31. For the three years ending February 1, 1894, with Joe Moore holding the reins, the criminal costs amounted to \$5,977.04—a big advance on the same business held during Mr. DeRogis' administration of that office.

This does not include the sum expended for grand jury fees, neither does it include the fees of witnesses before the grand jury. These are facts and figures taken from the county records. Do the people want any more of it?

## THE ORAN PICNIC.

The picnic at Oran, last Wednesday was out of sight. Early in the day the crowd began to gather, and by noon a large crowd had gathered. The festive candidate was in his best humor, the band played the dances, danced, the hungry were fed, the horse-races were held, the cock-fights, the club played ball and the wheel of fortune man gave you dollars for dimes.

At 1:30 o'clock Albert DeRogis, candidate for Representative, was called. He is splendid with quite an interesting talk. The new call was for Milo G. Gresham, candidate for Prosecuting Attorney. Mr. Gresham took the stand, but before he had got fairly started, he was interrupted by one Dr. B. Franklin, who talked through his hat for a short time, and then perorated Mr. Gresham to continue.

If Dr. Franklin will consult the newspapers and the barbecue posters, he will find that only candidates are expected to speak, and that it is both independent and uncourteous for the hirings of a political sideshow to take up their time. These candidates are simply asking the people for the Democratic nomination at the primary. They are not at present fighting the Republicans—neither are they opposing the Populists. They are opposing one another. When the Populists had their picnic at Morley, two weeks ago, all the Democratic candidates were present—but not one of them was so brazen as to get up and occupy the time of the Populist speakers. By-the-way, who is this man Franklin? Is he a citizen? Is he a tax-payer? Has he any interest in the welfare of Scott county, whatever? Or is he simply going over the county spouting off at so much per speech? These are the questions which every voter should consider before swallowing the utterances of a self-styled reformer.

But let us return to the barbecue. Other speakers followed Mr. Gresham but this did not interfere with the game of Base-ball between Benton and Blodgett, which was hotly contested and resulted in a victory for Blodgett by a score of 32 to 8. The horse race was won by Robt. Graham.

Oran has the finest picnic grounds in Southeast Missouri, and its popularity is growing. People from every part of the county were there Wednesday.

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## Driven Back to Eden.

The Richmond State wisely calls attention to the fact that in all our large cities much suffering exists among the poor all the time from want of food, clothing, fuel and fresh air—suffering which could be avoided by living in the country and working only one-half as hard. People are compelled to work in crowded cities.

—20 men who will work industriously, says the State, "who will lead temperate lives and attend strictly to the business in hand, homes can always be found in the country, and in such homes they would have an independence they cannot have in the crowded tenement districts of the big cities."

The fifth city is the rush is in the other direction. Families and young men have for many years been leaving the pure air and fresh fields of the country to risk themselves upon the winds of urban strife. Here they struggle along upon poor pay, or no pay at all, live in crowds, have few pleasures, suffer constantly from physical poverty and diseases, and finally go down to death, without ever having known why God made the sunshine of the green pastures.

In the tenement districts of our great cities thousands of men, women and children huddle together in a foul atmosphere, work pitifully long hours for a crust of bread and a pitcher of beer, and sleep up their souls under the glare of the electric lights for the sake of being in the city, which with one-half the labor and surrounded by all the purity and freshness of nature, they could fill a few acres of land and have an abundance to eat and wear and stand some chance of being useful, happy and Christian.

They would probably have no money in their country home for a long time, perhaps never an appreciable amount, but they would have the equivalent in good health, more rest, wholesome food and a comfortable shelter. And after all, the richest man cannot do more than this.

The farmers of this country, large and small, have much to be thankful for even with all the hardships and inequalities against which they are compelled to contend. They work hard, it is true, they toil in the hot fields and under the summer suns; they meet all kinds of weather and sweat their brows battling against the elements. But the results are more precious than the treasures of kingdoms—good, beautiful lives, contented minds, absolute independence, and times for rest.

If those labor studios would but deliver hundreds of the poorest poor from the city to the gardens and green fields they would prove blessings in disguise.—St. Louis Republic.

## Strayed or Stolen.

From near Morley, Mo., on the night of the 20th inst., one bay mare, about 8 years old, about 14 hands high, heavy built, scar runs down on both of hind legs, also scar on same side, had very between eye and nose has a broken tail. One chestnut sorrel mare about ten years old, about 13 hands high, slightly bred in her hind legs, but had flat white. Liberate right for information, ending to their possessor.

Geo. A. Winant, Morley, Mo.

—John Johnson's case—criminal assault—came before Judge Cannon Thursday. He took a change of venue to Squire Scherer's court.

—Look out for Benton's second base ball nine.

—John M. Mungie's case—criminal assault—came before Squire Cannon Thursday. He took a change of venue to Squire Scherer's court.

—Miss Abbie Wyke is still a very sick girl. Little Monell DeRogis is also down with typhoid.

—The picnic at Strubbsford's place last Wednesday was well attended.

—Lee Lotwick is running a soda fountain in the barber shop.

—Mrs. James Walker went to Marianna, Ark., Thursday to visit a little grandson who arrived there on Sunday.

—Mrs. L. A. Townes and Miss Frances Stock went on a shopping trip to Cape Girardeau Monday.